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Applicant's Representative held an interview with Examiner Mulpuri on March 20, 2003. Applicant's Representative would like to thank Examiner Mulpuri for her time and attention to this matter.

The allowance of independent claims 51, 55, 62 and 68 were discussed. The Examiner requested amendments for each independent claim. However, Applicant's Representative requested that she first address the issues presented in Applicant's previous response mailed January 2, 2003, for example, the redundancy of the motivational rationale presented against claim 51 in paper number 26. The Examiner suggested that maybe a §102 rejection should have

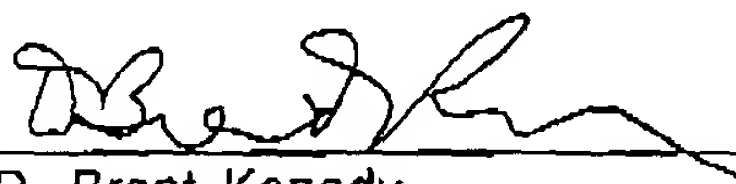
been presented. Accordingly, Applicant's Representative respectfully requested a non-final office action if a new rejection is to be presented with reliance on the same art of record so that Applicant could be afforded the opportunity to provide an argument against such new rejection.

The Examiner also requested amendments to independent claims 55 and 68. Applicant's Representative respectfully requested that she address the issues presented in our previous response mailed January 2, 2003, for example, the improper obviousness rejections presented due to the fact no motivational rationale was presented for the combination of art used in the rejection against independent claims 55 and 68. Applicant's Representative requested a non-final office action providing motivational rationales as is required for an appropriate obviousness rejection.

The Examiner also raised issues as to allowed independent claim 62 stating that she now is concerned with language in the claim. The Examiner requested amending the claim in which the Applicant's Representative refused and requested a non-final office action providing a written record as to why, at this date, the claim is not in allowable form when such claim is stated as allowed in paper no. 26.

Respectfully submitted,

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